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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR MARCH 29-30 EC POLITICAL  
DIRECTORS MEETING  
SUMMARY: THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY PROPOSED AN AGENDA  
FOR THE MARCH 29-30 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WHICH  
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LISTED ITEMS ON CSCE; EASTERN EUROPE; CYPRUS, GREECE AND  
TURKEY; UN AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

1. ON MARCH 16, THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY PROPOSED THE  
FOLLOWING AGENDA TO ITS PARTNERS FOR THE MARCH 29-30  
POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING.

2. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE CSCE WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 14-16. THE MAJOR TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE SUGGESTED PRESIDENCY COMPROMISE ON THE METHOD TO EVALUATE IMPLEMENTATION; GENERAL EC TACTICS FOR BASKET I AND III DISCUSSIONS AT BELGRADE; THE BREZHNEV AND STANOVNIK PROPOSALS AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE ECE MEETING; AND PREPARATION FOR THE APRIL 8-9 MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF CSCE.

3. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON EASTERN EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 21-22. THE EXPERTS WILL UPDATE THEIR GENERAL PAPER ON DISSIDENT ACTIVITY IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION AND TAKE A MORE SPECIFIC LOOK AT DISSIDENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

4. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 24. THE EXPERTS WILL ADDRESS THE CYPRUS SITUATION FOLLOWING CLARK CLIFFORD'S VISIT TO THE AREA; INCREASED TENSION IN THE AEGEAN BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE.

5. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE AFRICA WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 18. THE DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE:

-- THE PRESIDENCY REPORT ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION' A REPORT WHICH IS REACHING ITS FINAL STAGES;

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BRITISH INTENT IS TO TAKE THE TEMPERATURE OF OTHER EC  
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DELEGATION'S VIEWS ON AMIN'S ANTICS. WHILE THE UK DOES NOT WANT TO PUT ITSELF IN THE POSITION OF BEING CHARGED WITH WHIPPING UP A FRENZY ABOUT AMIN, IT DOES WISH TO HAVE THE BACKING OF ITS PARTNERS SHOULD IT DECIDE TO TAKE SOME STEP, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING AMIN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE JUNE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING.

6. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE UN EXPERTS WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 21-22. THE LONG AWAITED STUDY OF THE NINE'S PERFORMANCE AT THE UNGA HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE THERE IS CURRENTLY DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE EC UN DELEGATIONS MADE CONCERNING FURTHER COMMUNITY COOPERATION IN NEW YORK. THE EXPERTS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE DRAFT USSR TREATY ON RENUNCIATION OF THE USE OF FORCE AND THE ISSUE OF CHINA AND THE IMF. THERE IS SOME SENTIMENT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR BOOTING OUT TAIWAN POST-HASTE, BUT THE UK VIEW IS THAT ANY SUCH ACTION SHOULD AWAIT A CLEARLY EXPRESSED PRC INTEREST IN JOINING THE IMF.

7. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS  
MEETING MARCH 28. THE EXPERTS WILL HAVE A LOOK AT  
THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE REGION WITH A VIEW  
TOWARD MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE POLITICAL  
COMMITTEE IN TIME FOR THE APRIL 18-19 MINISTERIAL  
MEETING. AT THE MOMENT, THERE IS NO SIGN OF ANY  
INTENT BY THE NINE TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THE  
MIDDLE EAST. SPIERS

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